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MONTHLY PAPER OF THE INDIANAPOLIS RADIO CLUB, INC.

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### PROGRAMS

July 11th - Business meeting - postponed from the 4th - and directors meeting following club adjournment. Mr. Earl J. Wynn of the F.B.I. will address the club.

July 18th - Business meeting and directors meeting following the club adjournment.

July 25th - R. J. Kryter will explain and demonstrate the General Radio Strobatact as used at the Esterline Angus Meter Co. With this device you will be able to see rotating machinery stand still.

July 31st - Directors meeting at the club rooms in conjunction with the Thursday night mixed meetings. Come on up.

August 1st - Business meeting. Directors meeting following the club adjournment.

August ??? - Power and Light FM transmitter and talk back system will be explained.

### PAST PROGRAMS

June 7th & 8th witnessed two days of club outing. More of this event may be gleaned by reading articles contributed this month. At any rate, at one time 43 persons were counted on this outing. Who said that the gang would not turn out?

Edgar McNay presented his demonstration and explanation of filters with the aid of a Cathode Ray Oscilloscope-graph. This led into further discussion concerning the construction of smoothing and swinging chokes.

The auction held on June 27th was lead by Amateur??? Davis, who after all had the most apparatus to sell. Anywat a grand time was had by bidders and non-bidders. Is Kerst or Pickhardt going to be on 5 meters?

### VISITORS

W9CUW of Milwaukee was a guest of W9ENJ during the week of June 9th. He attended club meetings with ENJ. In turn Hibbert visited W9CUW in Milwaukee. That is the spirit. Who has visited you, or whose station have you visited the past month? Tell us in the next issue of Amachewer. A group from the 201st Inf. Radio Communications section were again at the club June 6th. W9WTP was in attendance at the club the same night. Welcome fellows:

### FLASH (via Bell Tele.)

News just reaches the editor that Pruitt and Nelson(Trusler) were the only ones in attendance at the club July 4th. After calling the meeting to order they proceeded to read magazines and work the rig. The meeting was adjourned early so those attending might attend a 4th of July celebration?????

### NEW CLUB MEMBERS

Following are new club members who have been voted into the club for the past two or three months. How about making the next listing twice as long with just half the time?

Ken Bash, W9EVY, Carthage, Ind. - Robert Pollitt, W9IAG, 2146 E. Garfield Dr., Indianapolis, Ind. - Lynn Woodward, W9DLF, 404 N. Swope St., Greenfield, Ind. - D. J. Anderson, W9EJA, 823 E. 27th St., Indianapolis, Ind. - Otis Armstrong, W9DCW, 470 W. State St., Pendleton, Ind. - George Merritt, (now W9UDQ) Brownsburg, Ind. - Charles Schlegel Jr., W9CJA, 322 N. Holmes, Indianapolis, Ind. Of the above George Merritt has just received his ticket from the FCC. How does it feel George? The club and AMACHEWER are always glad to welcome new members into the organization and hope and invite these new members to enjoy the full benefits of membership in the club by lending a helping hand with new undertakings and suggesting others.

### NEW CALLS

The following new calls have been received by local hams and club members. W9UDQ goes to fellowmember George Merritt with post address at Brownsburg, Ind. To the man who has been mimeographing AMACHEWER for the past seven months - Charles Campbell, also a club member - goes the call W9UEM. He was on the air two days after receiving his call. Let's hope that he leaves enough time to get the paper out, Hi. Paul Rees, W9TCQ is a nonmember receiving a call. Let's get him into the club.

### IT'S IN THE AIR

Reported engaged in the last issue of AMACHEWER, Robert Stuart, W9AXH (AX....) is now married. Bob and his YF, the former Miss. Louise Wildason, honeymooned to Colorado Springs after their marriage and are now at home at 4130 N. Meridian St.

Then here is news. Our Pres. Don Davis, W9JYP, and the former Miss Ruth Kissell were married at the home of W9YMV, LeRoy and Becky Waggoner, Thursday, July 3rd. After the wedding they went into the northern Indiana lakes district for a short honeymoon preliminary to a two week vacation into Canada later. Our best wishes to both these couples.

### NEW BROADCAST STATION

Rudy Crandall, W9FKE, at a recent meeting of the club told the gang of plans for a new local station to be located in the Underwriters Building to transmit FM on short waves and AM on the broadcast band. Original stockholders are Rudy and W9ARK, Myron McKee and Ben Tammy, salesman for a local radio jobber. Plans and surveys for coverage have already been drawn up and submitted to the FCC for consideration.

### EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT

The NYA is constructing from kits emergency transmitters powered with gas driven generators to be used in emergencies by cities in Indiana. The rigs are planned to be operated on 160 meters and are to be complete with receivers, frequency meters and as stated above the transmitters proper. This NYA project is directed in Indianapolis by Louis Sharp, W9NHT, at the project center at 537 N. Capital. (Maybe you wondered what the windcharger towers were at that address). The units will be operated by licensed hams. We as a club offer any help that we can in order to further this undertaking.

### QSL CARDS

Now that our friend Charles Campbell has that nice new call W9UEM, he has gone into the problem of undelivered QSL cards. He informs us that QSL cards delivered to Indianapolis with the call of the station as the only address will be held in general delivery for 10 days and then destroyed unless: - You may ask your postman for a change of address card, mark it across the top "FOR DIRECTORY SERVICE", fill it out with your call and address and turn it back to the postman. You will then be listed just the same as a firm or broadcast station. Perhaps John Hall W9ASJ will prick up his ears at this as he is active on 80 CW along with Nelson Trusler, W9FOS again active on 7280. (Somebody doubted that FOS was on the air again, but the printer can attest to that fact, as he worked him last night. Hi.)

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res. Davis heralds the field day just past as a great social success. In fact he even goes so far as to say it was a four star attraction. (\*\*\*\* - Four kinds of pie)

If the power dissipated under a fellows collar means anything in the UHF spectrum, there should have been a lot of static on .00000003/4 CM when a band of brigands let the tent down on W9JFX at the field day. Hi.

It has been rumored that Mr. Dr. Pickhardt will soon be sued by Willie, W9AUN, of Morristown. The good doctor presented Willies' young sprout with a FB air rifle with which Willie turned out to be a crack shot. (Much to some peoples consternation)

After being subject to the rigors of the trip to the Indianapolis Radio Club's field day party, someone suggested that the next one should be held in Kentucky. In Kentucky there are plenty of grapevines to swing in on, making the use of alpine tactics unnecessary.

At a dinner party in honor of W9ICY, Mr. L. T. Waggoner, of the Speedway Waggoners, was presented with a FB cardboard carton of empty beer cans. This was indeed a signal honor since the cans were all in first class condition and had been garnered from the rear of the Mayor's mansion.

You don't have to believe it, but Mike, W9EVK, refused to sink a fang into a bite of that wonderful fried chicken. Davis, Caskey, and Smokey Joe split it three ways.

Due to the excessive rainfall in the Garden Spot, W9TG has developed amphibian attachments for use on the family car. The device is said to perform very efficiently on hot air. Hi.

(Editor's Note:) The occasion of the dinner party in honor of W9ICY, was his birthday, with chicken furnished by his XYL Hildegard. Attending were Armstrong, W9DCW, and YF from Pendleton, Pollitt, W9EVK, YF and daughter from Gwynneville, (Gwynneville was omitted from the list of those attending the Sunday meeting of the Thursday Night Gang. We learned about that at the party, and take this opportunity to add the omission. OK Mrs. Pollitt??) Caskey, W9DNQ, and YL, Nelson, W9BHC and YF, Waggoner, W9YMW and YF, Davis, W9JYP, and what was then his YL but now his YF, all from Indianapolis, completed the party. We hasten to add that Red and Jody, those mischievous daughters of ICY, were in attendance.

W9YMW and family went to Chicago and environs over the 4th.

#### TO THE KKKX EDITOR

Perhaps some of the members do read AMACHEWER for in the last issue of this paper we begged for contributions to be used in getting this paper out. Two of the gang have responded and sent in the following. Now how about YOU setting down (and it is just as hot for the editor) and sending in something for the next issue which should be ready for press by July 28th.

The editorial staff of this monthly bulletin has requested news, views, witty sayings, or anything else to take up space, so we scratched our head, unfolded our ears, dusted off the pecking machine and submitted a few comments, such as,

#### Tower Raising at VPN's

VPN was exposed to the old five meter bug a couple of years ago, and has been preaching it's merits like an evangelist of old, finally has decided to do something about five rather than talk about it. He had a vision one night about all the 5 meter signals that ~~where~~ were passing over, under and through his "Plumber's Delight" antenna, and decided right then that something had to be done about it as the old band was and still is plenty dead around town. So the Clipper figured out a very neat three element rotary beam for five meters. After the elements were cut just to the proper size so that none of the signals would get by, Fred deduced the best way to stop the signals that were going over would be to erect a 54-foot tower for them to get snagged in, so that's what we are going to tell you about now.

The tower raising ceremony took place on the week end of the 14th and 15th of June, he was ably assisted by (1) Neighbors, (2) A couple of relatives, (3) and one other amateur W9GSX, DYN was also there but Fred overlooked him in the beer cans (empty). It was decided that before the tower was put up permanently, it should be given a name, so with all Pomp and ceremony (and a case or two of beer) the tower was given the name of "CLIPPER FRITZ'S

CONTINUOUS ROTATION THREE ELEMENT ROTARY BEAM ANTENNA TOWER FOR FIVE METERS". The name may seem long but we were short on beer that day.

The summer of 1940 found quite a few of the local hams out at the Clipper's QTH on Saturdays, but for some unknown reason there has been very few callers out that way, so VPN has decided that the Gang only came out to see "BATH DAY IN BEN DAVIS" and not his equipment or himself. Fritz informs us that the next time he has any work to be done or tower raised he is going to advertise the fact that "BATH DAY IN BEN DAVIS" is playing a return engagement, in that way he may be able to again lure the gang out.

Now to get back to the antenna situation, the latest reports we have that it really is a WiZ, two W5's in El Paso, Tex. not only were heard but actually worked. Local contacts, or short hauls, between here and Ft. Wayne, Trafalger, Ind. and Illinois points are now a common occurrence with the new antenna. And no doubt the gang will again hear Fritz talking on the merits of rotary antennas for five meters. Good luck and plenty of DX, Fritz.

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A very good and enjoyable social gathering was held on June 7th and 8th on the Kissel Farm, southeast of the city, the day was great, the eats plenty good, with chicken headlining the menu, It was well attended by the OM, XYL's, YL's and junior ops.

An inspection was held of the radio gear and equipment on display. (That reminds us that this was the ARRL Field Day, we almost forgot to mention that). Maybe some of the gang did operate it, but can't say for sure. It seems as some of the gang did work 160 meters, but the wind from the received signals was so strong that it upset the tent, that in turn killed the generator, and that in it's turn killed the Field Day as far as the IRC was concerned. In other words - Again the Field Day was a social success, Radio Activity again was NIL.

DYN, after waiting ten weeks, received his class A Ticket. GSX waited only 3 weeks, and he received an invitation to "come up and see them again" in 60 days. Better luck next time, Leloy.

Even though GSX missed, his final in the transmitter was under the impression that he had made it and started spouting out on the 80-meter band, but Leloy put that under control, just by kicking his power supply a bit harder than usual and low and behold, it took off on 160 again. Don't ask us how this is possible, that's just the way we heard it.

Art Schultz, NNX and George Corey (no call) members of the club, hold winning numbers in the National Lottery, and were called up for medical examination. No report available on their ~~xxxx~~ classification as yet.

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Printer's Note: (Sure hope youse guys will overlook the many errors in typing in this issue, as it was done under most trying circumstances, with only about 80 minutes time to type and change four sheets on the mimeograph machine and run 100 sheets of each. - printing both sides - You should try it sometime Ni)